

dition certainly are rare. But as it had been 6 and 7 years since I had personally gone over the ground in Central California I was not satisfied that the very best advantages were offered here at Lathrop. We consequently lay plans for careful personal inspection of other points that were thought to offer the greatest inducements to the people who are lacking for cheap homes in California.

About this time our brethren, John Pitworth and Christ Rowland, of Lanark, Illinois, who had visited Glendale and Phoenix, Arizona, as well as various points in Southern California arrived at Lathrop. Happily these men of whose business ability no one could well speak too highly, men known not only at Lanark, Ill., their cherished homes but quite extensively over the brotherhood were looking over the ground with a view to future investments. Brother Harrison who will soon have been a year in this state had previously examined the principal fruit and alfalfa localities.

He was therefore well prepared to direct this self constituted committee in a series of trips for personal investigation. We visited Lodi, Oakdale, Knights, Ferrand, Merced.

Of these trips I hope to speak in a future article and will then give the conclusion that has finally been reached in this matter. I hope in such an article to quote the opinion of brethren Pitworth and Rowland as well as of the entire "committee." I am writing this on a moving train. Winnemuck, Nevada, is just announced. We left the land of roses yesterday noon and before night were above the clouds and where the snow was said to be 12 feet deep. California has had very unusual April weather, much rain which is greatly appreciated by our brethren who depend mostly on wheat and barley for their income. There also was a very severe frost in many parts of the state. The weather records none such in April for 25 years. The papers claim that the fruit crop over the state is cut short about half. However I saw potato plants 9 to 10 inches high and delicate tomato plants uninjured and many think the damage is greatly overestimated.

DIVINE patience is one of the great needs of the human soul. Without it religious enjoyment is so often interrupted, broken up and destroyed. The patience of Christ to bear with human infirmities, to endure misrepresentation and abuse, to suffer for the salvation of even our enemies, to work and wait despite disappointments and failures, this is the great need in this world wrecked by sin.

SEEING JESUS.

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We see Jesus; who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that he, by the grace of God, should taste death for every man. Heb. 2: 9. He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again. II Cor. 5: 15. He was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification. Rom. 4: 25. Blessed be his holy name. God help us exalt him by a godly walk and chaste conversation.

"We see Jesus," who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. Heb. 12: 2. It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Rom. 8: 34. We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. I Jno. 2: 1.

There is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus. I Tim. 2: 5. This man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. Heb. 7: 24-25. For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us. Heb. 9: 24. Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which can not be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Heb. 4: 14-16. Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith. Heb. 12: 1, 2.

Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation. Heb. 9: 28. The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we

ever be with the Lord. I Thes. 5: 16, 17. Blessed thought. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; we shall see him as he is. I Jno. 3: 2. Now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face. I Cor. 13: 12.

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CHILDREN AND FLOWERS.

Wise and loving parents want their children to enjoy what is beautiful in art, in literature and in nature. They may question the influence of luxurious living, may fear the effect of elegant surroundings as inducing indolence of mind and body or as fostering a spirit of discontent, but they cannot think that a life of "plain living and high thinking" would exclude pleasure in a sunny sky or a modest flower. The little garden where the children are allowed to have a plot of their own affords one of the most innocent delights of childhood. The planting, the weeding, the watching for the first blossom, keep the whole family interested, and is the most thoroughly natural and healthful pleasure a child can have. There is in all this a sense of ownership which is as unselfish as possession can be, for connected with it is usually the desire to give away the first fruits as an offering to friendship or charity. The flower lover is almost always the flower-giver, and nothing is sweeter than to see a dear child bring to the fond mother the first blossom from "my own garden." The best and surest way to shut out evil thoughts is to furnish themes for good and pure and beautiful thoughts; a mind engaged in the attention to beautiful things in nature has no place for that which is hateful and ugly, and we cannot overestimate the real value of flower culture as a part of children's education. I have often wondered if the children we see stealing flowers, do this entirely from mischief, or if some do not really love the blossoms they cannot have at home. If they had early been taught the real appreciation of flowers, they would probably more highly regard their neighbor's rights in this matter.—*Woman-kind.*

THERE is no room for chance. Strange may be the way in which the lot is cast into our lap, but whether it be cast by visible or invisible hands, whether suddenly or so slowly that we can see it come, whether plentifully or sparingly—it is always cast exactly as the Lord wills.—*Tholuck.*

MANY people find their only happiness in forcing themselves to be unhappy.